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Cristopher Columbus is in Washington. Not the discoverer of America, but his descendant, the Duke of Veragua, who is in America as the specially invited and honored guest of the United States for the purpose of attending the opening of the Columbian Exposition held in honor of his illustrious ancestor. The Duke and his party, in charge of Commander Dickens, U. S. N., who is detailed for the purpose of looking after the comfort of the party, arrived there late Saturday evening and went at once to the hotel at which a magnificent suit of thirteen rooms had been engaged for them, and over which the Spanish flag will fly during their stay in the city.

President and Mrs. Cleveland gave a special reception in honor of the duke party. They will do the sights of the National Capitol including historic Mount Vernon. From Washington they will go to New York to witness the naval review from the deck of the U. S. S. Dolphin.

The Duke and his wife and daughter express themselves as being delighted with America and with the more than cordial reception which has been given them in New York and Washington, the only two cities they have yet visited.

Honors Won.

All former achievements of American sailors and enviable honors won by them have been fully maintained and in part again enacted during the naval rendezvous in Hampton Roads. So great a gathering of the national powers had naturally caused more or less uneasiness here when it was understood that such an occasion meant international contests in skill and strength as well as the power of endurance, but now that it is all over and the laurels rest gracefully on Columbia's brow patriotic Americans can again feel proud in the assurance that although rated as holding fourth place among the naval powers of the world, we have always proved ourselves superior in war when forced to burn powder in defence of our nation's rights. Remembering this and knowing that ironclads, in size second to none in the world and equipped with all modern improvements, are being rapidly built, it can be but a matter of time when other nations or allied powers will deem it the better part of valor to stand off at a respectful distance and make a satisfactory compromise if occasion demands it, rather than try an arbitration by more aggressive methods. The officers and crews of the visiting fleets will and must return to their native lands willing to admit that America has a decided knack for carrying off honors as during the rendezvous in all contests between the crews of visiting and American vessels our gallant tars took the first prizes. In all athletic tests and boat races Americans won first honors nor does the strain end here as in the international band contest first honor was given to America, Russia alone leaves with us a score of one honor won, viz., that of having the handsomest naval officers in the world.

They Are Dying Hard.

The weather has been unusually cool this spring, but there is no comparison between the weather and the action of republicans now holding federal offices in various states, in writing letters to the heads of the departments under which they are, asking that they be allowed to remain in office. Even such a pronounced partisan politician as the notorious Webster Flannagan, now collector of customs at El Paso, Texas, has written asking that he be kept in office. Evidently Flannagan is of the same mind now concerning the holding of federal office that he was almost a score of years ago when he started a National Republican Convention to which he was a delegate, when the same subject was up, by asking: "What are we here for?" It is probable that he will soon

learn what the democratic administration is for, and the knowledge will hardly please him over much.

Cleveland Equal to the Occasion

Prompt and decisive action on the part of President Cleveland and his cabinet carried the country safely through what at one period of last week looked very much like a dangerous financial crisis. The free gold was exhausted and the continued demand for gold for export brought the administration face to face with the question of whether bonds should be sold or a portion of the \$100,000,000 gold reserve fund should be used to redeem notes presented to the Treasury. Under the law gold might have been refused for Treasury notes, they being payable in coin, but as it had been the practice of the department to redeem these notes with gold it was thought that it might have a bad effect to discontinue the practice just now, so it was decided to use a portion of the reserve fund, and \$3,000,000 of it was used; but it was only for a single day. Now, the Treasury has replaced what it used from the fund and has, besides, enough gold to meet all demands, for the present at least. Public opinion, as represented in Washington, is with President Cleveland in the belief that so long as there is known to be more than \$700,000,000 in gold in the United States, there is no necessity for the government to sell bonds to procure gold, and as for using a part of the gold reserve fund to redeem notes, that is precisely what that fund was accumulated for, and many prominent democrats do not hesitate to say that it should be used, if necessary, until it becomes apparent that it will be exhausted, before bonds should be issued. The present indications are that the Treasury will soon have plenty of gold, as bankers, particularly in the West and South, are placing their gold at its disposal, and visitors to the World's Fair will soon turn a stream of European gold our way.

A Notable Gathering.

RICHMOND, Va., April 13.—Yesterday the convention of southern governors opened in the senate chamber. At 12 o'clock Governor McKinney, accompanied by Governors Fishback of Arkansas, Foster of Louisiana, Brown of Maryland, Jones of Alabama, Carr of North Carolina, and Stone of Missouri, appeared in the chamber. The following other states were represented by delegates: South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia and Kentucky. Texas and Florida were not represented. After an opening prayer by Dr. Nelson, president of the Richmond Female Institute, Governor McKinney, in a brief opening address, took occasion to welcome the distinguished guests who had assembled in Richmond. He said it was a happy thought of his friend from Arkansas to have originated and worked up the convention that bade fair to accomplish such great good in this south land of ours. In concluding he nominated Governor Fishback as temporary chairman of the meeting. Governor Fishback, in accepting the chairmanship, thanked the gentlemen for the honor, and said it was enough to excite the pride and profoundest gratitude from any man to be called upon to preside over such a body. He then spoke briefly about the object of the meeting, and announced that he was ready to consider any motion. On motion of Governor McKinney Colonel John Bell Biggar, clerk of the house of delegates, was chosen as secretary, and Mr. Wilson as sergeant-at-arms. Gov. McKinney offered the following resolution: "Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed upon permanent organization and order of procedure."

The chair appointed Governors McKinney, Brown, Stone, Foster, Jones and Carr. Gov. Carr of North Carolina, offered the following resolution which was adopted: "Resolved, that a committee of one from each state represented be appointed, whose duty it shall be to consider all resolutions and suggestions brought before this convention and to present plans and questions for consideration and adoption. All such shall be reported without debate, and the persons appointed on this committee be the governors from the several states or delegates named by them."

Letters of regret at their inability to attend the convention were read from Governors McCorkle, of West Virginia, and Turney, of Tennessee. Before the meeting adjourned the reception committee of the chamber of commerce was introduced. After a general introduction and handshaking the visitors

were escorted to carriages in waiting and driven to the Armory, where an elegant lunch was enjoyed.

The distinguished visitors afterwards resumed the carriages and were driven to the Lee monument, Soldiers' Home, Reservoir park, Hollywood, Jeff Davis, mansion, St. John's church and other points of interest. The gentlemen were then driven to their respective hotels, and at 8 o'clock last night they visited the governor's mansion, where they were informally entertained with an old fashioned Virginia dinner.

Governor Tillman, of South Carolina arrived last evening to attend the convention.

Not So High After All.

Secretary T. C. Morton of the Virginia World's Fair Board, has handed us the following statement of matters connected with the exposition. It emanates from Hon. Harlow N. Higginbotham, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Columbian Commission. There have been so many exaggerated statements going the rounds of the press as to the cost of visiting the Fair and going over the grounds that this information will be received with relief:

1. The exposition will be opened in readiness for visitors on May 1.
 2. An abundance of drinking water, the best supplied to any great city in the world will be provided free to all. The report that a charge would be made for drinking water probably arose from the fact that hygeia water can also be had by those who desire it at one cent a glass.

3. Ample provisions for seating will be made without charge.

4. About 1,500 toilet rooms and water closets will be located at different points in the buildings and around the grounds, and they will be absolutely free to the public. In addition to these there will also be nearly an equal number of lavatories and toilet rooms of a costly and handsome character, as exhibits, for the use of which a charge of five cents will be made.

5. The admission of 50 cents will entitle the visitors to see and enter all the exposition buildings, inspect the exhibits, and in short, to see everything within the exposition grounds except the Esplanade Village and the reproduction of the Colorado Cliff Dwellings. For these, as well as for special attractions on Midway Plaisance, a small fee will be charged.

6. Imposition or extortion of any description will not be tolerated. Free medical and emergency hospital service is provided on the grounds by the exposition management. The bureau of public comfort will provide commodious free waiting rooms, including spacious ladies' parlors and toilet rooms in various parts of the exposition grounds.—Ex.

Mr. Editor: Will you kindly ask your correspondent, J. E. A., to be careful in future when using any of our matter and get a correct copy, and not mutilate the original as he did last week in reporting the death of Miss Mary Siple. This is plagiarism only on a small scale, it is true, but the principle is the same, and if he wished to use our language he should have copied it correctly and then given the proper credit.

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VIRGINIA:
 In vacation:—In the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Highland county, March 30th, 1893.

Nannie J. Jenkins, who sues by her next friend, John S. Hicklin, Plaintiff.

Osborne H. Jenkins, Defendant.

In Chancery.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony. And it appearing from affidavit filed that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Virginia; it is ordered that he do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

Teste: J. C. MATHENY Clerk.
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 In vacation:—In the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Highland county, March 30th, 1893.

David W. Bratton, Plaintiff,
 against

Stephen B. Bradshaw and others, Deft.,
 In Chancery.

The object of this suit is to ascertain the liens, with their priorities, upon the lands of S. B. Bradshaw, in Highland county, and to enforce payment of same by sale of said lands as may be directed by Court.

And it appearing by affidavit filed that J. C. Graham, a defendant in this cause, is not a resident of this State; it is ordered that he do appear here within 15 days after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

Teste: J. C. Matheny, Clerk.
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